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The Weather

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Simmons May Have Meal Plan

By Jennifer B. Krishnan
NEWS EDITOR

Residents of Simmons Hall may be required to purchase a meal plan next year.

Vikash Gilja '03, Simmons Hall steering committee co-chair, said the issue had not yet been resolved, but that a decision would probably be made in the next two weeks.

"From upperclassmen's perspectives, we don't want anything mandatory at all," Gilja said. "But from [the Dean for Student Life's] perspective ... all the dorm dining halls are losing money."

Ultimately, Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict will decide whether Simmons will have a mandatory meal plan, but he will take suggestions from the steering committee, the future housemasters and associate housemasters, and Director of Campus Dining Richard

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Seale, Yoon Debate; Voting Begins Monday

By Jennifer DeBoer
STAFF REPORTER

The two tickets for Undergraduate Association President and Vice President debated Tuesday, high-

lighting the week of campaigning leading up to the start of elections this coming Monday.

Both pairs of candidates stressed the importance of the UA in the stu-

dent body, while trying to convince the audience they would improve on what the candidates saw as shortcomings in this year's administration.

Presidential candidate Jennifer S.

Yoon '03, running with Miquela C. Vigil '03, cited "not bringing the community together" as a failure of the UA this year.

"I think that more events ... would benefit the student population as a whole," Yoon said.

Josiah D. Seale '03, who is running with Parul Deora '04, saw poor communication as one of the UA's major failures.

"How many students know who the UA representative is in their dorm?" Seale asked.

Seale, the current co-chair of the UA Committee on Student Life, also pointed to the current composition of the organization as one of its problems, arguing the body "does not attract talented, hardworking people" which he said "decreases the organization's credibility."

Rush, crowding policies debated

Changes to rush and the role of graduate housing in relieving undergraduate crowding were among the topics addressed at the debate.

Both presidential candidates argued that attention should be given to fraternities in trying to

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Candidates for the offices of Undergraduate Association president and vice president field questions from members of *The Tech's* editorial board during a debate in the Student Center Tuesday evening. Pictured are Josiah D. Seale '03 and Parul Deora '04.

Wolfensohn Prompts Rival Petitions

By Jessica A. Zaman
STAFF REPORTER

Last week's announcement that World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn will speak at the 2002 Commencement exercises sparked heated controversy among members of the MIT community.

Students almost immediately responded with a pair of petitions, one against Wolfensohn speaking, and the other in support of him.

While one group of students argued that a commencement ceremony is not an appropriate forum for such a controversial speaker, another argued that it is indeed the perfect forum.

Sanjay Basu '02, president of United Trauma Relief, is a chief proponent of a petition protesting Wolfensohn's selection.

Basu argued that many MIT students will be marginalized by the

presence of such a controversial speaker. "Many MIT students have directly been affected by the many failures of the World Bank," Basu said.

"Graduation is a time for celebration, not protest. It would be okay to invite Wolfensohn to speak in a debate panel or a lecture, not commencement," he said.

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Lawrence M. Lidsky

Retired MIT professor Lawrence M. Lidsky PhD '62 died Friday after battling cancer for 17 years.

Lidsky, who taught nuclear engineering, gained notoriety when he went public with his doubts about the effectiveness of nuclear fusion for energy generation despite devoting his career to its development.

He was assistant director of the MIT Plasma Fusion Center in 1983 when he published an article in *Technology Review* entitled "The Trouble With Fusion." He wrote the piece, Lidsky said at the time, because "I couldn't get an internal discussion going. Some didn't care and some didn't want to know." A short time after the article appeared, Lidsky resigned his position, and Congress reduced funding for the fusion program by five percent the next year.

Lidsky pushed safe reactors

Professor Jeffrey P. Freidberg, head of the Department of Nuclear Engineering, said, "Larry Lidsky was one of the smartest people I ever met." Freidberg said that Lidsky was frequently "way ahead of his time" with analysis of the possibilities for nuclear power.

"Professor Lidsky was one of the earliest engineers to point out some of the very, very difficult engineering challenges facing the program and how these challenges would affect the ultimate desirability of fusion energy," Freidberg said. "His messages were not always warmly received initially, but they have nevertheless stood the test of time."

Lidsky advocated the development of meltdown-proof modular high temperature gas cooled reactors using fission. Such plants have gained attention recently, and several are being developed in Japan and elsewhere. "Many of the technical ideas are directly attributable to Larry's early analysis," Freidberg said.

After receiving his doctorate in 1962, he joined the faculty as an assistant professor. He became an associate professor in 1968 and full professor in 1976. He was appointed associate director of the Plasma Fusion Center in 1978.

Lidsky is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, his mother, two brothers, a sister, and seven grandchildren. Donations may be made in Lidsky's memory to the World Society for the Protection of Animals, 34 Deloss St., Framingham, MA 01702 (800-883-9772).



Marvin Velazquez '02 (L) and Jason P. Mendoza '02 enjoy the "Make Your Own Burrito" event Wednesday night at Bexley. The event was one of many activities planned for Latin Month.

The CAC releases results of a survey on student attitudes about the Stratton Student Center.



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Vivek Rao criticizes the American media's coverage of recent international events.

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WORLD & NATION

Federal Sept. 11 Fund to Give Families Bigger Payments

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Families of those killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks will receive substantially more money under revised guidelines issued Thursday by the administrator of the federal government's fund to compensate relatives of the victims.

Special Master Kenneth Feinberg announced the changes after weeks of criticism from the victims' families and public officials who said the initial rules, which were issued in late December, were unfair and would provide the survivors too little money.

Under the new rules, the average award would climb to about \$1.85 million from \$1.65 million, before life insurance and other death benefits would be deducted. The new rules would pay surviving spouses and dependent children \$100,000 each for loss of companionship and other intangibles, double the figure in the initial guidelines. Each family will also receive \$250,000 for the pain and suffering of the victim, a figure that did not change.

The fund, estimated at a total cost of \$6 billion, is the first of its kind in the aftermath of an American disaster. It was approved by Congress shortly after the attacks as a way to help surviving families and avoid massive lawsuits. The legislation caps the liability of airlines and compensates the injured and families of victims if they agree not to sue.

White House Defends Army Secretary Over Enron Holdings

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The White House Thursday defended Army Secretary Thomas White, a former Enron Corp. executive who was rebuked by two senior senators for failing to disclose that he continued to hold financial interests in Enron long after he had pledged to the Senate that he would divest.

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Annan Seeks to Return Weapons Inspectors to Iraq

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST

UNITED NATIONS

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Israel Hits More Palestinian Targets After Suicide Strikes

By Lee Hockstader and Daniel Williams

THE WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM

Israel pursued its withering assault against Palestinian targets across the length and breadth of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and Palestinians carried out more suicide attacks against Israelis in a spiraling conflict that raged on through the night despite President Bush's decision to reverse course and intervene.

The Israeli attacks Thursday and early Friday killed at least 15 Palestinians, including a pair of ambulance drivers in the West Bank. Shortly after Bush announced his intention to send retired Gen. Anthony Zinni back here for more cease-fire negotiations, a Palestinian gunman sneaked into a Jewish settlement in Gaza and opened fire, killing four Israelis and wounding 20, according to the Israeli army.

The Israeli military almost immediately launched more missiles and opened fire with gunboats at official Palestinian buildings in the Gaza Strip and sent dozens of tanks and armored personnel carriers into Bethlehem, two adjacent Palestinian refugee camps and a pair of neighboring West Bank towns, bringing

full-scale military action to the suburbs of Jerusalem. The bark of heavy machine guns atop Israel's armored vehicles echoed throughout the city known as the birthplace of Jesus, and U.S.-supplied AH64 Apache helicopters fired into the Eida refugee camp between Bethlehem and Beit Jala.

As the tanks entered Bethlehem, a muezzin in the minaret of a mosque in Eida called the alarm. "God is great. God is great. Stay in your homes. Defend the camp," he shouted. But judging by the absence of small arms fire, there appeared to be no Palestinian resistance at Eida or at Dheishah, the area's other main refugee camp that came under assault.

Several hundred Palestinian gunmen put up stiff resistance all day Thursday and into Friday against attacking Israeli troops at two other refugee camps, these abutting the northern West Bank town of Tulkarm — which itself was reoccupied by the Israeli forces. Israeli officials vowed to keep their soldiers there and fight Palestinians in the camps as long as necessary to bring the Palestinians to submission.

Among the other Israeli targets were Palestinian government build-

ings, political offices, an intelligence headquarters and a large security compound in the Gaza Strip that's been hit by so many missiles and bombs in recent months that just two of its 25 buildings remain standing.

The Palestinian ambulance workers were shot by Israeli troops in Tulkarm, according to Palestinian officials. Dozens more Palestinians there were injured, they said, including many civilians and another four Palestinian ambulance workers.

"No one can shake the Palestinians," said Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader who has been confined to the West Bank town of Ramallah by Israeli forces since December. "If they believe there is anyone in this land who fears their tanks or missiles or Apaches (helicopter gunships) ... they are wrong."

Even as Israeli forces widened their attacks, they failed to stem Palestinian violence and suicide attacks, the proclaimed objective of the campaign ordered by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

In addition to the gunman's attack in Gaza, a Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up in a hotel lobby in the Jewish West Bank settlement of Ariel, wounding five Israelis.

House Approves Stimulus Plan

Bill Includes Unemployment Benefits and Business Tax Breaks

By Janet Hook

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

After months of fruitless partisan bickering, the House Thursday overwhelmingly approved a stripped-down bill to bolster the economy by providing new unemployment benefits and modest business tax breaks — including one eagerly sought by high-technology industries.

The Democratic-controlled Senate is expected to pass the bill Friday, and President Bush said he would sign it.

The 417-3 vote in the House broke a stubborn impasse over economic policy, as Republicans backed down from the more controversial tax cuts that Bush sought to spur job creation. Democrats agreed to accept more limited benefits for

the unemployed than they wanted.

Nearly six months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks hurt an already struggling economy, pressure has mounted for Congress to move ahead with the short list of anti-recession measures that both parties embrace.

Bush quickly praised Thursday's House action, even though the compromise bill leaves out some of his top tax-cutting priorities. "We've had too much nonmovement on this important issue. And it's time to go. Time to get a bill," he said.

"This is the last game in town," House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said as he pushed for the bill's passage. "We all play today or we go home to our constituents and say we did nothing to help you, because we let politics matter more than your economic

future."

Indeed, the congressional debate raged inconclusively for so long that it may have outlasted the recession. Shortly before the House vote, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan gave Congress an upbeat assessment of the economy, saying, "An economic expansion is already under way."

The legislation would pump \$51 billion into the economy this year, \$43 billion in 2003 and \$29 billion in 2004, congressional analysts say.

The compromise measure would allow jobless people who exhaust their 26 weeks of unemployment benefits to get 13 more weeks of aid. The bill's business tax breaks aim to encourage investment in equipment and software which is still suffering even as much of the rest of the economy improves.

WEATHER

Winter or Spring?

By Nikki Prive

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The sight of flowers springing up on campus may seem to herald the arrival of spring in Boston, unusually early this year. In fact, this winter has been warmer than any other winter on record, with temperatures from December through February more than 1°F warmer than the next-warmest winter, which was the winter of 1932-1933. Unfortunately, these warm temperatures have been accompanied by a lack of precipitation, and there is a drought watch in effect for northeastern Massachusetts. Much of southern New England is under a mild to moderate drought, with precipitation last fall only at 50 to 70 percent of usual levels.

Will this spring-like weather continue, or will there be a switch to typical March weather? The extended forecast calls for near normal temperatures for the middle of March (mid 40s F), with higher than average precipitation. Although ocean temperatures in the Pacific seem to indicate that a period of El Nino might begin later this year, there is currently no impact on the Boston climate due to either El Nino or La Nina. Without any strong climatic indicators such as El Nino, it is difficult to predict what late March and April may have in store.

Extended Forecast

Today: Overcast, highs in the low 50s F (11°C), light winds.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, lows in the lower 40s F (6°C).

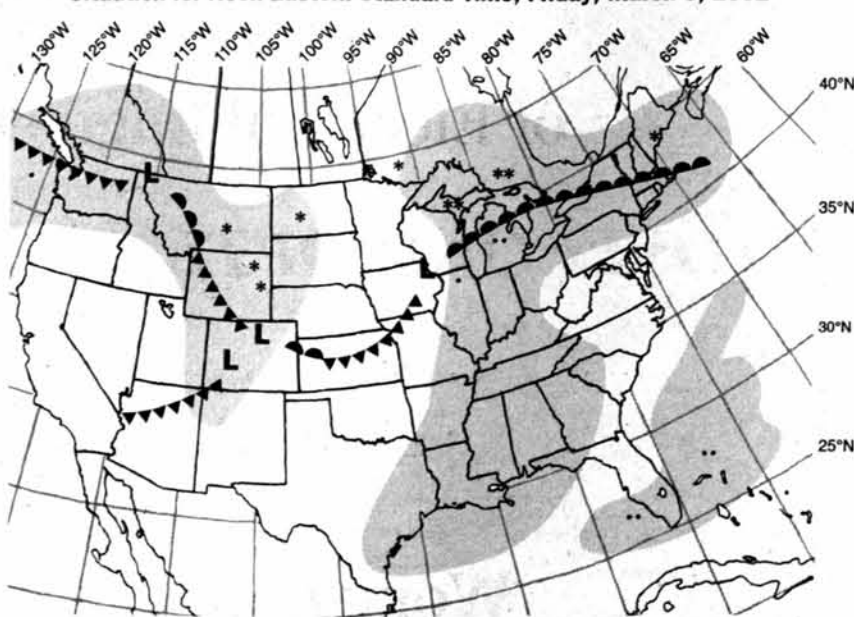
Saturday: Partly sunny, warmer, highs near 60°F (16°C). Becoming cloudy overnight, with the possibility of rain, low around 40°F (5°C).

Sunday: Chance of rain, windy, cooler. Highs in the upper 40s F (9°C).

Sunday night: Rain. Low near 40°F (4°C).

Monday: Sunny, breezy, cold. Highs in the upper 30s (3°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Friday, March 8, 2002



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow *	Fog
L Low Pressure	— Warm Front	Light Rain	Thunderstorm
S Hurricane	▲ Cold Front	Moderate *	Haze
	— Stationary Front	Heavy *	

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

Justice Department Releasing Pakistanis Held Since Sept. 11

By Steve Fainaru
and Amy Goldstein
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK

The Justice Department is removing hundreds of Pakistani detainees from the United States at a "hectic" pace and U.S. officials have told the Pakistani government that most of those arrested immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks will be returned home by the end of next month, a Pakistani official said Thursday.

The official, Imran Ali, the Pakistani consular officer who oversees the detainee issue, said about 130 captives have been deported, released on bond or have agreed to return to Pakistan voluntarily in recent weeks. He said all but about a dozen of the remaining "140 or 150" Pakistani detainees are to be freed now that U.S. authorities have

concluded that "absolutely none had links to 9-11."

The steady departure of the Pakistanis appears to be the largest known release of detainees since the government launched its terror investigation after the attacks on New York and Washington. But it is impossible to be certain, because the government has detained and moved the captives in total secrecy.

At least one other embassy, Turkey, said Thursday that its cadre of detainees had dropped significantly in the past month, and immigration lawyers said they had also heard that detainees were being released at a faster pace.

The law enforcement dragnet has come under repeated criticism from civil libertarians, immigration advocates and Muslim groups because of the length of some of the detentions, the secrecy surrounding the more

than 1,200 people who have been jailed the past six months and the fact that the vast majority have been held on charges unrelated to terrorism. Last month, the Justice Department said that the number of detainees in custody for alleged immigration violations had been reduced to 327. Another group of more than 100 foreign nationals faces criminal charges unrelated to the terror probe.

The release of the Pakistanis follows the February visit to Washington of Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, who urged President Bush to expedite cleared detainees' departures.

Justice Department officials said Thursday night that they were not aware of any special arrangements to speed the release of Pakistanis, and said they do not keep track of deportations by nationality.

Envoy Zinni to Return to Mideast

Bush Orders Special Envoy to Attempt Restart of Negotiation Process

By Alan Sipress
THE WASHINGTON POST

President Bush Thursday ordered his special envoy Anthony Zinni back to a Middle East staggered by unprecedented bloodletting between Israelis and Palestinians, shelving the administration's longtime insistence that the sides begin restoring calm before the United States resumes its role as peace broker.

Faced with escalating violence and Israeli talk of all-out war on the Palestinians, Bush called a hastily arranged news conference to announce the change of direction, which officials said has been under serious consideration since Tuesday.

Zinni, a retired Marine general first tapped last fall to help negotiate a cease fire, is scheduled to leave for the Middle East next week. U.S. officials said they didn't know long he'd remain but that his immediate

task would be forcing Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to adhere to the terms of a truce worked out last June by CIA director George Tenet.

"The United States will do all it can to help the government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority restore hope to their people and to the region," Bush said. "I once again call upon Chairman Arafat to make maximum effort to end terrorism against Israel, which undermines the prospects for peace. And as we move forward, I'm counting on all parties in the region, Prime Minister Sharon included, to do everything they can to make these efforts a success."

The decision to reassert the United States' role as a peace broker in the Middle East after two months of standing on the sidelines represented a significant shift of policy for the Bush administration. As pictures of

Arab and Jewish victims flooded television screens around the world, the administration has faced a rising chorus from both Arab and European allies demanding U.S. mediation.

A senior administration official said "the current policy simply wasn't having the desired effect. To the contrary, things were moving in the wrong direction."

The decision to send Zinni back to the region also came amid mounting administration concerns that the Middle East strife could overshadow Vice President Cheney's trip to the region that begins Sunday.

While U.S. officials plan to use the trip to talk with U.S. allies about the anti-terrorism campaign, they said it has become apparent that Cheney would be confronted in Arab capitals with complaints about the absence of U.S. involvement in trying to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Greenspan Tells Congress Economic Expansion Underway

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress Thursday that not only is last year's recession over but that "an economic expansion is already well under way."

Just eight days earlier, Greenspan had been much more cautious in his testimony, saying only that a recovery from the slump was "just getting underway." However, he then reiterated concerns that for a variety of reasons that the expansion could turn out to be significantly weaker than those that have followed previous recession.

Over the past week, however, unexpectedly strong economic news had convinced many economists that the economy is growing at around a 4 percent annual rate in the first three months of this year. That is much stronger than forecasters had expected only a few weeks ago. Similarly, during the period between Greenspan's appearances on Capitol Hill, the fourth quarter growth rate was revised upward to a 1.4 percent annual rate, much faster than the 0.2 percent rate first estimated.

Retail sales jumped a better-than-expected 6.2 percent in February, the biggest monthly gain in almost two years, the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. reported Thursday.

More good news came Thursday from the Labor Department which said that initial claims for unemployment benefits averaged 372,750 per week over the last four weeks, the lowest level since April 2001. That figure is well below the peak of around 500,000 reached in the weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. With claims now running so low, many analysts believe the department will report Friday that the number of payroll jobs increased last month for the first time in nearly a year.

Reports Cite Snooping Possibilities on Computers

NEWSDAY

The flickering of computer screens and the ubiquitous LEDs found on modems and similar devices make virtually all electronic gear vulnerable to remote snooping, according to two scientific papers published half a world apart this week.

The recently reported phenomenon, "optical emanations," may have intelligence agencies salivating and make civil liberties advocates nervous. Authorities see the technology as a quick route around PC-based encryption that has hampered traditional surveillance in recent years. Unlike other forms of eavesdropping, critics say, there are few laws that restrict its use.

In one of the experiments, Markus G. Kuhen of the University of Cambridge in England, successfully reconstructed the contents of a computer screen merely by measuring fluctuations in light output on a nearby wall and running the resultant information through a simple signal processing filter. The other experiment, by Joe Loughry of Lockheed Martin Space Systems and Dr. David A. Umphress of Auburn University, used similar processing to successfully decipher the contents of modem transmissions by monitoring minute flickers in their LED (Light-Emitting Diode) displays at about 22 feet.

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James R. Killian, Jr., Faculty Achievement Award Lecture

ERICH P. IPPEN

Elihu Thomson Professor
of Electrical Engineering and Physics

"FEMTOSECOND OPTICS: QUICKER THAN A FLASH"

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology

OPINION

Yoon/Vigil for UAP/VP



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With the wave of changes next year's Undergraduate Association leaders must face, neither ticket in this year's race for president and vice president appears to be fully prepared. Issues

Editorial

which could dominate the UA's agenda next year — especially housing — are not high priorities on either ticket's platform. The 2002-2003 school year will require the UA to constantly evaluate the dramatic changes to housing and residence selection, and the UA president and vice president will be required to lead student response to the administration when changes simply do not work. *The Tech* therefore reluctantly endorses the ticket of Jennifer S. Yoon '03 and Miquela C. Vigil '03.

Yoon appears to be a hardworking and dedicated individual who has approached her leadership positions with practicality. Her focus and dedication to her primary goals of student life funding convince us that she will tackle other problems with a similar attitude. Unlike her opponent, Josiah D. Seale '03, she seems greatly aware of the world of committees, deliberation, and compromise she is about to enter.

While Seale's platform is very ambitious and tempting, one must also keep in mind the uncertainty that awaits undergraduates in the coming year. With such radical changes imminent, now is a poor time to focus on revamping the UA. MIT undergraduates need a president who will address issues as they arise. Platforms will count for very little if turmoil ensues, and the president must be able to adapt to the situation at hand and redirect his or her energies, not just halfheartedly discuss problems.

Seale has promised to address a number of topics that ignore the temporal necessity of the situation. Anonymous medical transport is a central value of his campaign and it is certainly valued by the student body, but it should not be the focus of the president. The issue has been discussed and stalled for years, and it could easily continue to occupy much of Seale's time without much progress. T pass subsidies are also not an important issue for everyone on campus; the UA is not the most appropriate place to address an issue that would more readily help MIT's employees and graduate students.

Seale also hopes to dramatically change the UA constitution in hopes of increasing student involvement through broader representation. However, even minor changes to the constitution have taken well over six months to ratify in the past. If anything, the current outgoing UA leadership might have considered a similar move this past year in order to establish a stronger council to handle the changes of 2002-2003, but next year is not the time for such high aspirations.

One positive aspect of Seale's ticket is his running mate, Parul Deora '04. She seems more interested in student government and more committed to specific goals than Yoon's partner, Miquela C. Vigil '03. Vigil's goals for improving advising and cross-cultural relations seem to be much less clear-cut than Deora and Seale's shared goals. Advising has the potential to be an important issue with the elimination of second term pass-no record grading, but it will require a concrete plan of action and not vague desires to improve the current situation.

Seale and Deora seem to be a more balanced pair than Yoon and Vigil. It is possible that Deora could serve as a tempered negotiator to contrast Seale's impetuous idealism, though it is a large leap of faith with which to cast one's ballot. Furthermore, the UA vice presidential position is weak both by design and by precedent; therefore, it is more important to have a strong and capable president than a strong and capable vice president.

For Yoon to be a successful president, she will need to make some adaptations. She will need to expand her focus from finances to include other interests of the student body at large. She will need to expand her list of administrative contracts if she hopes to effectively voice and address concerns of the student body.

The Tech endorses Yoon because she seems far more prepared to be an effective, efficient negotiator when dealing with the chaotic policy changes of the coming year. Vote for Yoon/Vigil if you believe that 2002-2003 is not the year to attempt radical change to the UA. However, if you believe Seale can be an effective leader during changing times while also pursuing his goals of revolutionizing the UA council and winning long-sought student life battles, cast your vote for Seale/Deora.



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Sanctions Help No One

Maral Shamloo

I am writing this column in response to Dan Tortorice's column "Supporting Sanctions on Iraq" [Feb. 15].

In this column Mr. Tortorice argues that one way of ensuring the safety of U.S. citizens is keeping countries such as Iraq under sanctions, hence preventing them from sponsoring terrorist actions similar to Sept. 11. He concludes: "If we trade freely with Iraq, then we all will be funding terrorism."

One could look at this from many different perspectives, but I would like to argue assuming that the U.S. government would — and it certainly should — put the safety and interests of its citizens first and foremost. There are a few reasons why I believe the current embargo is disadvantageous to United States.

As Tortorice mentions, the United States was instrumental in the development of the very same deadly biological and chemical weapons Iraq possesses, that it feels threatened by at the moment. This was while Iraq was considered an ally in its war against Iran. But unlike Tortorice, I believe that this incident and many similar situations are of imperative relevance and importance here. U.S. foreign policy suffers from a long-term inconsistency. The Taliban and bin Laden for example were part of the forces created by the CIA and Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) to defeat the Soviets in the 1980s. These forces were funded by the CIA and heroin sales facilitated by it. Now after nearly two decades, they have grown to be one the biggest threats to national (and indeed international) security.

Similar situations are not difficult to find, and although the United States has changed its subject states of interest, it has certainly not ceased to use military support to bias and skew the power distribution in the region in order to pursue certain interests. Israel, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan are the prominent aid receivers in the region. Now, if for any reason relations between the U.S. and any of these governments hits a downfall, today's allies would turn into potential threats. This is what we are facing in the cases of Iraq and the Taliban.

Many U.S. actions and policies are adopt-

ed for the sole purpose of proving and conserving its credibility, providing no benefit to other countries. Take the current war in Afghanistan for instance. Hundreds of civilians lost their lives, and thousands fled the country. But after about four months of relentless bombing, air strikes and other military action, not only has bin Laden not been found, but also U.S. troops were defeated in a battle against al Qaeda, evidence that the network is still functioning in the country. It makes one wonder what the point of war against terrorism was. Millions of dollars of the U.S. budget is diverted, lives of tens of

Lebanon, etc. are frowned upon by citizens of other Muslim countries even if their governments choose to support these policies in an effort to keep a political detente with the U.S.

This accumulating sense of hatred against the United States can be one of the most dangerous products of U.S. policies with devastating consequences. Sept. 11 was one of them.

I fully agree with Tortorice when he mentions in his column: "I doubt that Saudi Arabian citizens have a much deeper hatred for the United States than does the rest of the Muslim

world. But what these citizens do have is money. And some of these citizens decided to use their money to kill American people." But what I consider a flaw in this argument is counting money as the driving force behind anti-American engagements. Palestinians, one of the poorest groups among Arab nations, have been the most active in violent actions against Israelis. They have invested their only asset, their lives, to protect what they believe belongs to them.

What I wish you to leave you with is that unless the U.S. adopts a long-term, consistent, sustainable,

interference-free foreign policy, a policy that does not violate other nations' rights, injure their pride and limit their freedom, there will be no definite guarantees that the nation will be immune to terrorist actions. Unfortunately, despite all of the government's efforts to secure airports, bus stations, stadiums, large corporate buildings, etc., it takes one and only one mistake for a disaster such as that of Sept. 11 to happen again. Therefore a more effective and long-lasting solution to protect the U.S. against terrorist attacks would be reconsideration of its stance and outlook in its relations with other countries.

On the same grounds, I do not believe that enforcement of embargoes and suppressing Iraq's economy could contribute to America's national security. Not mentioning, of course, that as a citizen of the world who respects and regards the lives of human beings no matter what their nationality, the idea of starving innocent civilians sounds morally wrong to me.

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American soldiers are lost (remember we are analyzing the situation merely in terms of U.S. cost and benefit) and still the main targets are not met.

The same situation exists in Iraq. As a result of the sanctions, the U.S. has deprived itself of trade with the country that owns the second largest oil reserves in the world, leading to an increase in oil prices, plus the need to devote huge budgets to military and intelligence services for constant observation of Iraq. The sanctions, however, have not been successful in removing Saddam Hussein from power or even letting the U.N. inspectors return.

Apart from minor conflicts in national interests, Muslims across the world generally tend to be very supportive of each other. The religion has created a powerful bond between Muslims which makes them feel strongly about the fate of their "brothers and sisters" regardless of their nationality. U.S. actions against Palestine, Iraq, Iran, Syria,

Smash the Patriarchy

Guest Column
Brice Smith

Today is International Women's Day (IWD). If you have never heard of it, you are not alone. Sparked by events in this country, IWD has been consistently marginalized and relegated to the fringes of history. Born in a time of great social unrest, IWD was founded to promote the international solidarity of women fighting to end the social, political, and sexual domination of men. The story of this day is the continuation of centuries of struggle. Over the years, on IWD people have taken to the streets, sparked a revolution, met politely with politicians, demonstrated outside newspapers and welfare institutions, occupied empty buildings, and helped usher in much needed legislation. Although there has been much progress to celebrate, we are still far from living in this world as equals and there are many terrible injustices left to fight.

Before we begin to look forward to the coming struggles, however, it is useful to first look back and learn from those who have fought for the progress we've made so far. Throughout the 1800s, women began to enter industry in large numbers. Their jobs were primarily sex-segregated with most working in textiles, manufacturing, and domestic services. These women worked in extremely unhealthy, dangerous conditions for wages even worse than for their male counterparts. In this climate, it was women who bore the triple burden of exploitation by the factory owners, of having no voice in the government, and of the attacks by many male workers and sexist unions that feared the competition women represented. It was Lucy Parsons, the radical multi-racial anarcho-feminist, who summed up the condition of women in the six simple words: "We are the slaves of slaves." Repression could not, however, stop those fighting against these evils. It was in this time that the women's suffrage movement grew throughout the world and radical unions sought to organize women.

On March 8, 1857, women staged a mass protest in New York and were attacked by the police. Two years later, these women formed their first labor union to try to secure some

basic protections. In 1903, the Women's Trade Union League was created in the U.S. to help organize all working women. Like the smaller unions before it, this union focused not only on the economic exploitation of women, but also on securing political equality. In February 1908, socialist women in the United States initiated the first Women's Day with large demonstrations demanding the right to vote and the economic equality of women. The following February, tens of thousands of people attended Women's Day rallies. In 1910, the idea of a Women's Day was taken up throughout the country. Realizing that gender oppression is a global problem and must be dealt with accordingly, the U.S. delegates to the second International Conference of Socialist Women in Copenhagen proposed that Women's Day become an international day of action. Inspired by the U.S. women, Carla Zetkin, one of the most influential socialist-feminist thinkers of all time, proposed a resolution to the conference which was unanimously approved by the over 100 women in attendance from 17 countries. Thus International Women's Day was born. The first IWD was held on March 19, 1911 in Germany, Austria, Denmark, and Switzerland. March 19 was chosen because on that date in 1848, the Prussian king, faced with an armed uprising, had promised (but never delivered) universal suffrage. More than a million leaflets were distributed throughout Germany before that first IWD. In addition to the right to vote and hold public office, they demanded the right to work, vocational training, and an end to discrimination on the job. In the following years, IWD rallies were held throughout Europe to protest nationalism, jingoism, and the coming world war.

Arguably the most important International Women's Day ever occurred in March 1917. With nearly 2 million Russian soldiers dead in the war, Russian women chose to strike for "bread and peace." Political leaders opposed the timing of the strike, but the women went ahead anyway. Gathering strength as they swept through the streets of Petrograd, the women's march sparked several days of food riots, political strikes, and mass demonstrations. With their act of bravery and defiance, these women launched the first Russian Revolu-

tion of 1917. Four days after their march, the Czar was forced to abdicate and the provisional government granted women the right to vote. Since then, IWD has seen many victories and defeats. It was not until 1975, however, that IWD was given official recognition by the United Nations thus earning it credibility in many governments who had previously chosen to ignore its existence.

Clearly, there has been much progress earned as a result of these struggles, but we have much work left before us. One has only to hear of the terror campaign against women that makes us all live with the fact that more than one in four women will be the victim of rape or sexual assault in her life to realize just how far we have left to go. Thus, I have come to agree with those women who helped create International Women's Day all those years ago, that we must use today to rededicate ourselves and to fight for a day when "we may eventually and forever stamp out the last vestige of male egotism and his desire to dominate over women."

Given this deep history of struggle, pain, and celebration, look around today and see how many newspapers or TV shows even mention International Women's Day. As you read this, thousands of people march in other countries demanding an end to the system of male domination while as a country we sit silently by. This day will not pass totally unrecognized for us at MIT though. In honor of all who have taken up the fight, there will be "Smash the Patriarchy" events throughout the day in the Student Center. I urge everyone to think long and hard about the ways in which gender oppression diminishes all of our lives and to stop by the Student Center to learn more and get involved. It is only by our collective acceptance that sexual harassment, eating disorders, domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, and all the other systems of gender oppression are capable of continuing. It is up to every one of us, male and female, straight and LGBT, old and young, to come together and build a world in which no one feels unsafe and we are all allowed to define who we are for ourselves. It is only then that any of us will truly be free.

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Turning From The Axis

Vivek Rao

While delivering his State of the Union address, George W. Bush put together his best Dan Quayle imitation with a series of statements ending with his conclusion that Iraq, Iran, and North Korea constitute an "axis of evil." While on the surface such rhetoric may seem harmless, it provides another example of the propaganda that has been flung unremittently at the American public ever since the Sept. 11 attacks. At its core, the modern American media is an enigmatic bunch.

Though journalists throughout the country are ready and willing to jump on domestic scandals or outrages like the Clinton-Lewinsky affair and the Elian Gonzalez saga, the press is remarkably timid and spineless when it comes to international affairs, putting a pro-United States spin on nearly every issue and siding with the government's policies a vast majority of the time. With the nation's major information sources in his back pocket, Bush has few obstacles in pushing his platform. Though he appears sincere in his desire to make his nation more secure, his method of pouring money into the defense budget and threatening action against "evil" nations will only serve to further increase worldwide anti-American sentiment while drawing valuable money away from key domestic programs.

The Pentagon and the White House would have you believe that they have not deceived the American public, but they have certainly not told the whole truth. The current cauldron of international affairs is more complex than a good/evil division. To think that the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 attacks committed the act purely on the impetus of hatred for the United States, freedom, and democracy is naïve.

What Bush and his colleagues will never admit is that America's foreign policy can be as offensive as the actions of the alleged "axis of evil." Though we would like to believe that our nation is a bastion of righteousness, the bottom line is that our government's stance on international affairs is ruled less by a desire to protect freedom and more by an insatiable need to increase American power.

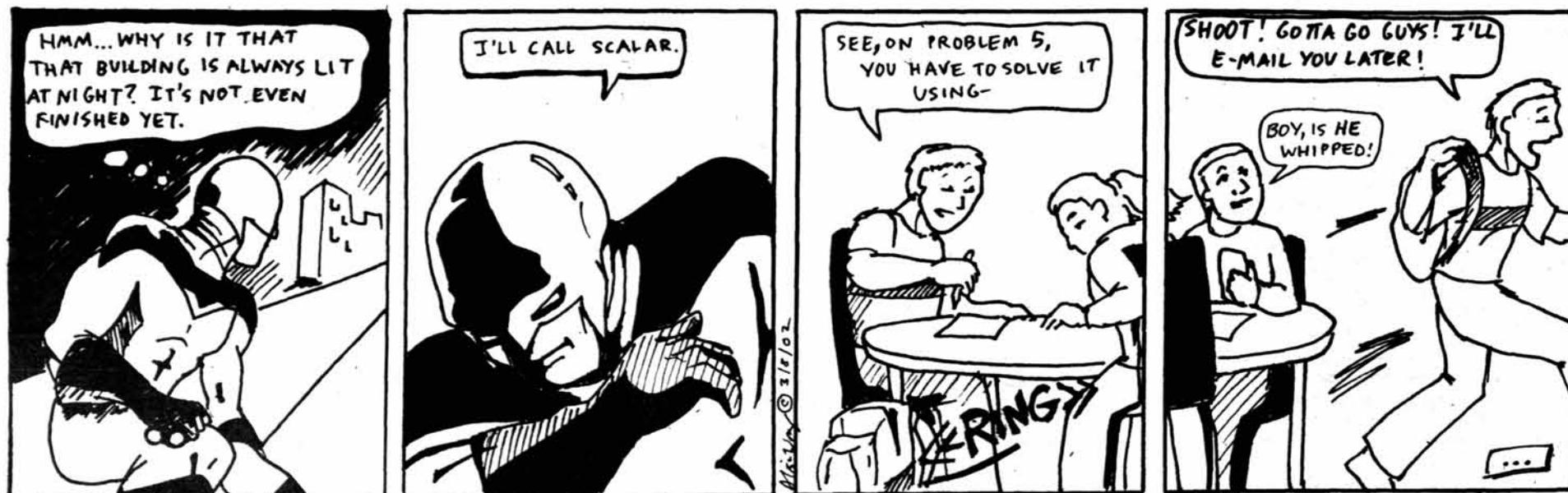
Of course, it has always been quite clear that neither modesty nor honesty is plentiful in the Oval Office, and no one should expect that to change with Bush. Yet it is reasonable to expect the media to point out the flaws in American foreign policy. The press has been remarkably unwilling to deal with the issue of why the Sept. 11 attacks took place. For years, the United States government has been one of the world's leading terrorists, using threats of military action or economic sanctions to eliminate obstacles to American might. Some American policies, such as favoritism toward Israel in its conflict with Palestine and extensive sanctions against Saddam Hussein and Iraq, have been criticized by many around the world, especially in Arab nations.

Perhaps the greatest obstacle to truthful, balanced media coverage is our skewed definition of patriotism. While the term implies a sense of pride and confidence in one's country, it should not be linked with blind, unwavering support for every one of the nation's policies. If major newspapers and television networks were to consistently provide an honest account of America's image in other countries, and thorough documentation of the effects of recent foreign policy on that image, they would be doing a patriotic service. By educating the people who trust their coverage of world events, such media outlets would enable American citizens to analyze their government's policies and debate them. Over time, this would result in a more evolved vision for the future of the United States, producing more realistic plans for ensuring safety from terrorist threats and improving America's image overseas.

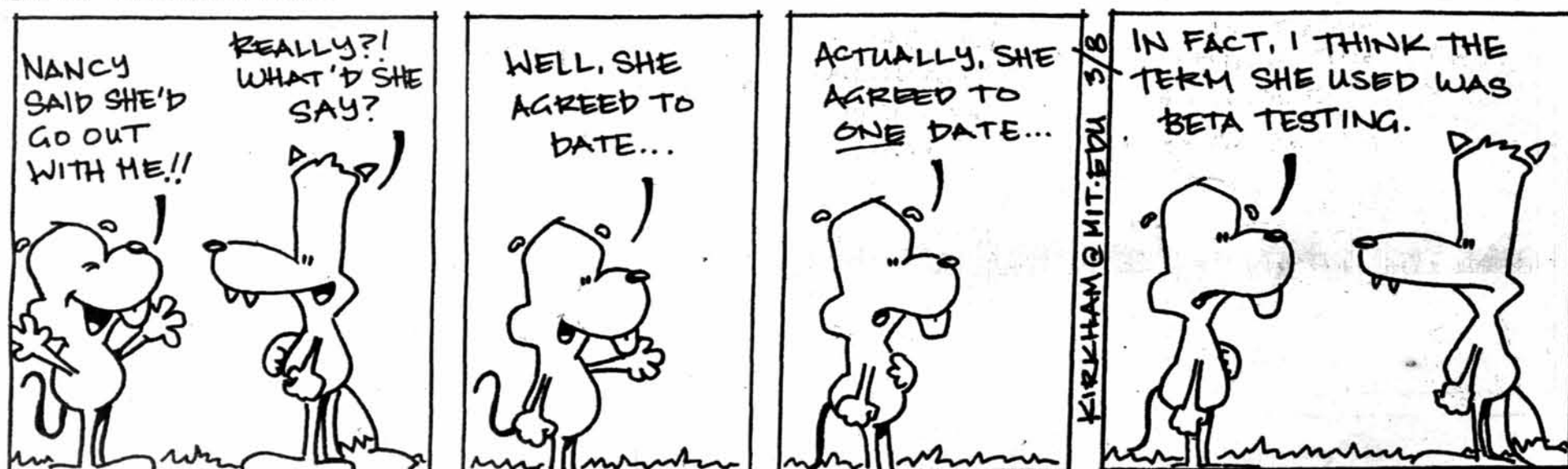
As the war against the Taliban winds down, we must turn from punishing the Sept. 11 terrorists to preventing future attacks. While this nonsensical "axis of evil" rhetoric spews from Bush's mouth, doing nothing but angering other potential terrorists, a more constructive approach must be taken, and it is the responsibility of the media to take an active role in such a campaign. If our country is truly the model democracy that we want it to be, then our citizenry must be knowledgeable enough to make informed decisions about government policies. Until the national media stops pandering to Bush's propaganda and offers the public a more thorough investigation of the causes of terrorism, the United States can hardly be considered a model for other nations to follow.

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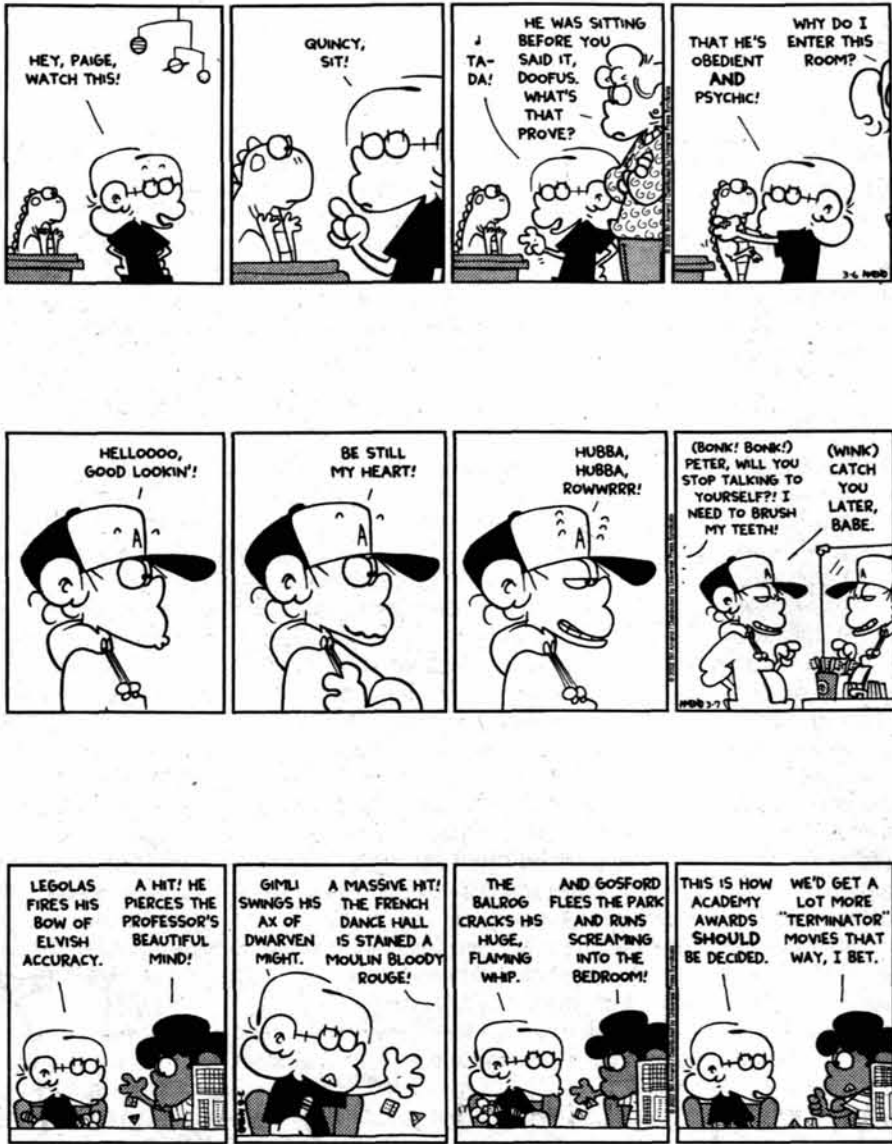


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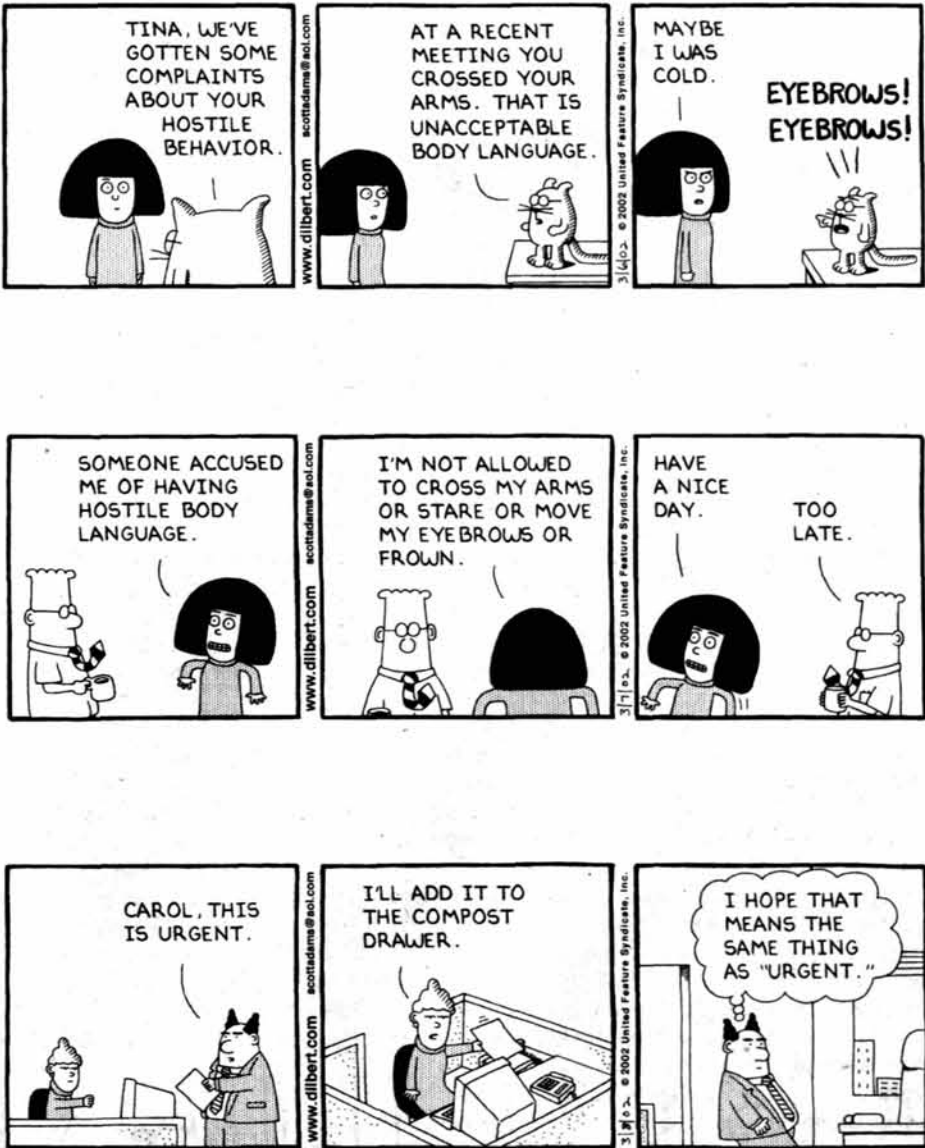
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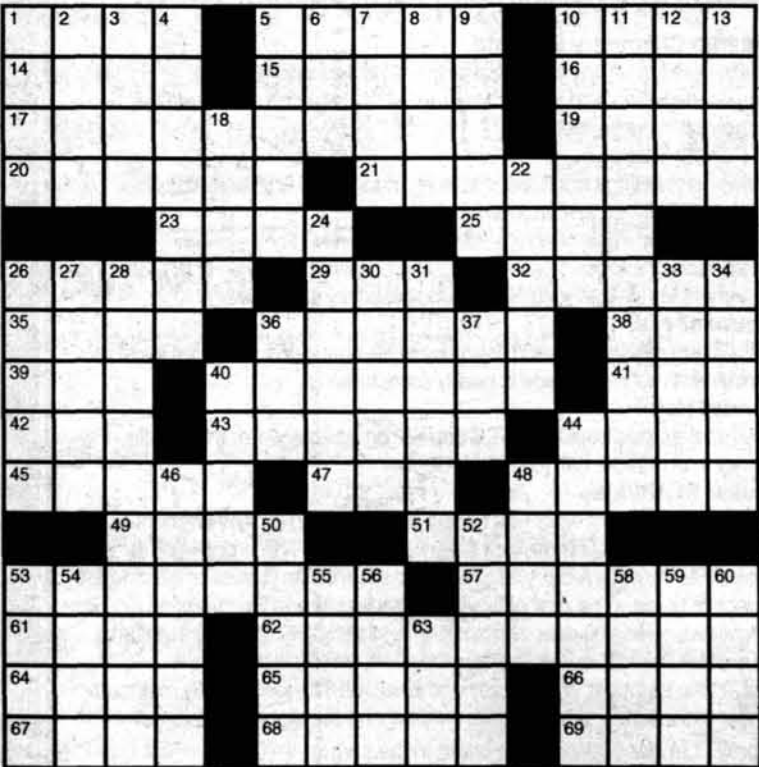
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Friday, March 8

11:00 a.m. – We Have All Our Courses Online. Now What? Howard Strauss, Director of Academic Applications Manager, Princeton University. A stratigraphic look at the evolution of instructional technology at Euphoric State University. For some time now, Euphoric State has been trying to get all its courses online. This lecture will trace that effort to the point where 100% of their courses are online. This was no cause for celebration, however, as it then became clear that the most difficult work was yet to be done. Note: Euphoric State is Howard's whimsical invention. Any similarity to any real university is purely coincidental. Those of you who have heard Howard speak in the past know we are in for an engaging and high energy presentation that will not only be informative but extraordinarily entertaining. Please join us in our Friday special edition CrossTalk with Howard. Free. Room: 4-231. Sponsor: Web Communications Services (WCS).

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – PSFC Seminar. Plasma-Based Products at MKS. Free. Room: NW17-218. Sponsor: Plasma Science and Fusion Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – FDRL Seminar Series. "An approach for error estimation and adaptive remeshing in nonlinear dynamic problems" by Raul Radovitzky. Free. Room: 37-212. Sponsor: AeroAstro.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Al-Anon Meeting. Open discussion to help families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem of drinking of a relative or friend. Parking is available at Hayward lot - get card stamped at Pediatrics. Free. Room: E25-101. Sponsor: MIT Medical.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Mechanical Engineering Seminar. "Single-Beam, Two-Views Holographic Particle Image Velocimetry and Its Application to Turbulence Modeling." Free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: ME Seminar Series.

3:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – Pappalardo Fellows in Physics Symposium. A symposium featuring the Pappalardo Fellows in Physics at MIT presenting highlights from research-in-progress, aimed toward a general audience. Refreshments will be provided from 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. in the 6-120 foyer. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Physics Department.

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Biomaterials and How They Will Change Our Lives. The MIT Society of Presidential Fellows is pleased to present a public lecture featuring Dr. Robert S. Langer. Dr. Langer will discuss advances in drug delivery and tissue engineering and how they are revolutionizing medical therapies. The new technologies include novel polymers and intelligent microchips which promise to create new treatments for cancer, heart disease, burns, and many other illnesses. Dr. Langer, a dynamic speaker and prolific researcher, will be introduced by MIT Provost Robert A. Brown. Free. Room: MIT 34-101, Edgerton Hall, Reception preceding lecture at 3:00 PM. Sponsor: President's Office, Provost's Office.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. – Local Cohomology Modules of Stanley-Reisner Rings and Alexander Duality. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. Free. Room: Room 2-338. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – If You Think You Take God Seriously, Try This! We will worship together, and John Rateichuk will give us a challenging talk about spiritual disciplines for scientists and engineers. Free. Room: Student Center, Mezzanine Lounge (W20-307). Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship.

7:00 p.m. – Indiana Jones Marathon. Raiders of the Lost Ark. Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. \$6. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

8:00 p.m. – MIT Concert Band. Johan de Meij's Symphony no. 1 "The Lord of the Rings." This was written in 1988 and received 1st Prize at the Sudler International Composition Competition in 1989. Dean for Student Life Larry Benedict will narrate. Come in costume if you wish. Reception follows. Free. Room: Kresge Aud. Sponsor: Concert Band.

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. – Spring Dance Festival. Come for two dance workshops and party at 9 p.m.! See <http://mitbdt.mit.edu> for workshop schedule and pricing. Starting at \$2. Room: Lobby 13. Sponsor: MIT Ballroom Dance Team.

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – Rueben: A Free Alt. Rock Concert for Class of 2005. Opening act by Dan Cardinal (solo guitar/singer). Main attraction: Rueben, a rock band from the Berklee College of Music. Free. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Berklee Musicians Connection. Jonathan Choi.

Saturday, March 9

7:00 p.m. – Indiana Jones Marathon. Raiders of the Lost Ark. Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. \$6. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – Patrol. Shoot your friends! Travel to strange, new classrooms; meet interesting, unusual people; and kill them. A team game of shoot-em-up; guns provided. Free. Room: Building 36, First Floor. Sponsor: Assassins' Guild, MIT.

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8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Decadent Desserts and All That Jazz. Come join us for a casual night of desserts and a live jazz band at the Sigma Kappa House. Free. Room: Sigma Kappa House, 480 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. Sponsor: Sigma Kappa. Baker House, Phi Sigma Kappa, Zeta Beta Tau, weekends@MIT.

11:59 p.m. – Nth Annual Concert in Bad Taste. The Chorallaries of MIT present the Nth Annual Concert in Bad Taste. 11:59:59 p.m. in 10-250. No subject is taboo. No idea or moral is safe. If you can't stomach the material, don't come to the concert. Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Chorallaries of MIT.

Sunday, March 10

4:00 p.m. – Raiders of the Lost Ark. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Free Coffee House. Join us for a study break with friends with some music and delicious snacks. American and international students welcomed to come make new friends and just relax before a busy week. To join guest list e-mail name to: ebullard@mit.edu with subject: coffee house. Free. Room: McCormick Dining Room. Sponsor: Baptist Student Fellowship, Baptist Campus Ministry.

7:00 p.m. – Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

10:00 p.m. – Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

Monday, March 11

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – FileMaker Pro Quick Start. This class introduces users to the FileMaker environment and its functions using an existing database as a model. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – "Geometry of contact domains and transformations." Free. Room: 4-159. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – GLBT Resource Center Grand Opening. Free. Room: GaMIT Lounge Walker 306. Sponsor: GaMIT, LBGT Issues Group.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – STS Colloquium. Confronting Modernity: Leonardo to the Internet. Free. Room: E51-095. Sponsor: STS.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Mechanics Seminar: Homogenization-based constitutive models for polycrystalline metals undergoing finite strain. Room: 5-234. Sponsor: Mechanical Engineering Dept.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study. Bible Study: "Love, Sex and Sexuality in the Bible." Free. Room: W11-007. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. – The Resilient City Colloquium: Trauma, Recovery and Remembrance. MIT's Resilient City project was conceived in response to the terrorist attacks that destroyed New York's World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. The colloquium will examine critically how cities in the past have endured traumatic episodes, and prevailed to establish new order out of chaos and devastation. Weekly lecture series. Free. Room: Room 10-485. Sponsor: Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – A Book Reading: Mitch Pacelle's Empire. Wall Street Journal writer Mitch Pacelle will read from his new book *Empire: A Tale of Obsession, Betrayal and the Battle for an American Icon*, the story of the struggle for control of the Empire State Building during the 1990s. He'll also answer questions about his book and about the period. Free. Room: W31-301, Blakeley Lecture Hall. Sponsor: Center for Real Estate.

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – GaMIT Coming Out Support Group. This event is for people who are thinking of coming out, have just come out, or have come out and want to help others. In short, if you think being gay is or might be a part of your life, drop by. Free. Room: GaMIT Lounge Walker 306. Sponsor: GaMIT.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Hungarian Folk Dance Lesson. During the spring semester, beginning March 4, we are offering 2-hour long dance lessons on "Mezosegi." Our instructor is Denes Takacsy, an experienced dancer from Bekescsaba, Hungary. We will meet Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in 1-371 and the admission is only \$2 for the 2 hours. \$2. Room: 1-371. Sponsor: Hungarian Student Association of MIT.

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – UA Council Meeting. Meeting of the Undergraduate Association Council. Find out what's happening on campus! Free. Room: W20-400. Sponsor: Undergraduate Association.

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. – Music at The Ear. Hertz the Ear: drum 'n' bass / jungle and breaks with Melv-o-matic and Professor Pious from Lab8. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the Ash-down House basement. Enter through the courtyard. Hours: Monday: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tuesday - Thursday: 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday: 4 p.m. - 2 a.m. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. This event is funded in part by the Grants Program of the Council for the Arts at MIT. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub. MITDMC, ATat.

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Dreyfus Chemistry Building

Some of the sections of the building will be sealed due to decontamination and asbestos removal. All affected areas will be marked and barricaded off.

70 Pacific Street

Interior drywalling continues. Painting, floor tiling, and installation of bathroom finishes are underway.

Stata Center

Installation of exposed pipes is ongoing on parking levels P2, P1, and the basement level. Interior underground masonry continues.

Simmons Hall

Installation of windows and windowpanes continues. Installation of the permanent roof membrane is nearly complete.

Kendall Hotel

The hotel across from the MIT Coop will be opening later this spring. For further information, call (617) 354-3600.

Vassar St. Utilities

Sewer replacement work has begun near Building 42 and will continue west. Traffic flow and parking may be affected. The crosswalk at Vassar St. from the Albany St. garage to the main entrance of Building 39 is back in place. The rear of the parking lot between Buildings 45 and 48 is now closed to allow for construction of the BCSC and Stata utilities.

Memorial Drive Traffic Signals

The Traffic Lights at Wadsworth and Endicott Streets are fully installed. Power to the lights should be connected and the signals activated shortly. Landscape work will begin in the spring.

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The following movies are playing this weekend at local theaters. The Tech suggests using <http://ae.boston.com/movies/> for a complete listing of times and locations.

★★★★ Excellent
★★★ Good
★★ Fair
★ Poor

40 Days and 40 Nights ★★

Just as Josh Hartnett vows to go 40 days and nights without sex, he meets the woman of his dreams. While it has its moments, *40 Days and 40 Nights* relies on the charm of Hartnett to carry the film, and fails. The tired repetition of one theme grates on the

viewer and leaves the film stretched thin. — Dan Robey

The Count of Monte Cristo ★★½

An illiterate sailor finds himself imprisoned because of the jealousy of his best friend. Seeking revenge, he manages to escape from solitude confinement to become a member of Europe's high society, in an attempt to win back the woman and the life he once had. —Eric Chemi

Crossroads ★

Three little girls bury a box of their goals for the future. Many years later, the girls meet up to open the box and talk about their dreams and decide to take a road trip out west. Many adventures ensue on the car trip. The girls bond through N*SYNC sing-a-longs and giggling. See *Crossroads*! You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll sing and dance, you'll get to see Britney in a pair of little boy's BVDs. And, oh yeah, this movie sucks. —Megan Ginter

I Am Sam ★★½

I Am Sam centers around a mentally challenged father, Sam Dawson (Sean Penn), and his fight against the state for his daughter Lucy (Dakota Fanning). Abandoned by Lucy's mother shortly after her birth, Sam single-handedly raised Lucy

until a social worker questions Sam's ability to raise his daughter. With the help of Rita Harrison (Michelle Pfeiffer) as his lawyer, Sam takes on the state for the biggest challenge of his life. —Jed Horne

RollerBall ★

Plot congruity, plot understandability, and finally, plot existence follow character development down the toilet in this atrocious movie. As for action scenes, there aren't many, and what is there isn't memorable except for its ridiculousness. If you're thinking of going to this one, just stay home. —Brian Loux

Super Troopers ★★

Dumb cops play tricks and have wacky fun while on duty. The movie starts off cleverly but quickly degrades into a cliched story about catching drug smugglers and saving the troopers' jobs. Good for a few laughs but quickly forgotten once you leave the theater. —Megan Ginter

The Time Machine ★★

A mediocre time traveling movie based on the classic novel. Though mostly enjoyable, with wonderful supporting performances by Orlando Jones and Jeremy Irons, the film lacks continuity in both plot and theme. —Rich Redemske



Rebecca Romijn-Stamos and Chris Klein star as Aurora and Jonathan Cross in the action/thriller *Rollerball*.

Crossword

Solution

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Sundays: See Avalon below.
Mondays: *Static*. Gay, casual dress. \$5, 18+.
Thursdays: *Chrome/Skybar*. Progressive house, soul, disco; dress code. \$10, 19+; \$8, 21+.
Fridays: *Avalandx*, with Avalon.
Saturdays: *X-night* (rock, alternative, techno, hip-hop) downstairs and *Move* (techno) upstairs.

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Fridays: *Avalandx*, with Axis. House. \$15, 19+.
Saturdays: *Downtown*. Modern house, club classics, and Top 40 hits. \$15, 21+.

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9 Lansdowne St., 617-421-9595
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Thursdays: *Groove Factor*. House.
Fridays: *Spin cycle*. Prog. house. 19+.
Saturdays: *Elements of Life*. International House. \$15.

ManRay

21 Brookline St., Cambridge, 617-864-0400
Wednesdays: *Curses*. Goth. Appropriate dress required. \$5, 19+; \$3, 21+.
Thursdays: *Campus*. Popular tunes + House. Gay, casual dress. \$10, 19+; \$8, 21+.
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Avalon

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Mar. 9: Great Big Sea
Mar. 14: Bad Religion
Mar. 15-7: Dropkick Murphys
Mar. 18: Ryan Adams
Mar. 19: Q-Bert, Dilated Peoples
Mar. 26: Herbie Hancock
Mar. 29: Sasha & John Digweed
Mar. 30: Better Than Ezra
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Apr. 6: Five for Fighting
Apr. 9: Rusted Root
Apr. 27: Garbage

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Mar. 9: Dave Brubeck Quartet (also Mar. 10 at Sanders The-

On The Town

A weekly guide to the arts in Boston
March 8 - 15

Compiled by Devdoot Majumdar

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Mar. 10: The Singing Priests
Mar. 22: Paula Poundstone
Mar. 26: Mercedes Sosa
Apr. 13: Bob Mould
May. 3: David Sylvian
May. 17: Chick Corea New Trio

Club Passim

47 Palmer St, Cambridge, 617-492-7679
Tuesdays: Open Mic at 8 p.m. (sign up at 7:30). \$5. See <<http://www.clubpassim.com>> for complete schedule

Mar. 8: Whose Muddy Shores
Mar. 9: Dennis Brennan
Mar. 10: Bill Staines, Mason Darling
Mar. 11: Old Time Night with Mark Simos
Mar. 13: Duke Robillard
Mar. 14: Rockwell Church
Mar. 15-6: Christopher Williams
Mar. 29: Annual Benefit with Doc Watson, Lori McKenna (at Sanders Theater)

FleetCenter

One FleetCenter, Boston, MA
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April 3: Elton John & Billy Joel
April 7-8: Dave Matthews Band

The Middle East

Central Square, 354-8238
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Mar. 8: Pinback
Mar. 9: Karate (U), Shai Halud (D)
Mar. 12: Agnostic Front
Mar. 15: Missing Joe
Mar. 16: Dismemberment Plan, Death Cab for Cutie
Mar. 24: Greg Howard (from the Dave Matthews Band)
April. 14: Local H

Orpheum Theatre

1 Hamilton Pl., Boston, 617-679-0810
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Mar. 12: Bush
Mar. 13: Enrique Iglesias
Apr. 9: Kids In the Hall
Apr. 12: Wayne Brady
Apr. 14: Pat Metheny
Apr. 20: Allison Krauss
May 4: Belle & Sebastian

Paradise Rock Club

967 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Ma. 02215, 617-562-8804

Mar. 8: The Samples
Mar. 9: Cracker
Mar. 11: The Calling
Mar. 12: Phantom Planet, Mesh
Mar. 14: Rustic Overtones
Mar. 15: Remy Zero
Mar. 16: Hybrasil
Mar. 24: The Eels
Apr. 11: Apex Theory
May 3: Jump Little Children

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Apr. 15: No Doubt



André Previn conducts the BSO, with violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter (above), in "Debussy, Previn and Rachmaninoff," presented on March 14, 15, 16, and 19 (College Card accepted March 15).

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Mar. 8: Drexel
Mar. 9: South & Elbow
Mar. 10: her Love Filled The Room
Mar. 11: The Good North, Autumn Rythm, Scott Janovitz
Mar. 12: For Reasons Unseen
Mar. 13: Surface of Eceon
Mar. 14: ...And You Will Know Us By The Trail of Dead
Mar. 15: Wesley Willis
Mar. 21: J. Mascis

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Mar. 9: Sol y Canto
Mar. 12: The Val Ramos Flamenco Trio
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Mar. 14-6: The Gonzalo Rubalcaba Trio
Apr. 2-7: The McCoy Tyner Trio

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Mar. 8-9: Keely Smith
Mar. 12: Nora York
Mar. 13: Myanna
Mar. 14-16: Toots Thielemann and Kenny Werner

Mar. 21-22: Maureen McGovern

Classical Music

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Hans Graf conducts in "Colgrass and Schubert." Colgrass' *Crossroads*, Schubert's *Symphony in C*. Performances on Mar. 8 (1:30 p.m.), Mar. 9 (8 p.m.), and Mar. 12 (8 p.m.). BSO College Card honored on Mar. 8 performance.

André Previn conducts the BSO, with violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter in Debussy's *Prelude to The Afternoon of a Faun*, Previn's Violin Concerto (world premiere; commissioned by the BSO) and Rachmaninoff's *Symphony No. 2* in E minor, Op. 27. Performances on Mar. 14 (8 p.m.), Mar. 15 (1:30 p.m.), Mar. 16 (8 p.m.), Mar. 19 (8 p.m.). BSO College Card honored on Mar. 15 performance.

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Mar. 8: Thomas Quasthoff, bass-baritone (Jordan)
Mar. 15: Stefan Jackiw (Jordan)
Mar. 16: Beaux Arts trio (Jordan)
Mar. 22, 24: Chanticleer and Handel & Haydn Society (Jordan)
Apr. 7: Les Musiciens du Louvre (Jordan)

Apr. 12: Pamela Frank, violin and Peter Serkin, piano (Jordan)
Apr. 12: Wynton Marsalis (Symphony Hall)
Apr. 19: Takacs Quartet with Robert Pinsky (Jordan)

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Mar. 8: John Valby
Mar. 9: Rich Ceisler & Mike McDonald
Mar. 10: The Black Comedy Explosion
Mar. 11: Conan O'Brien Showcase
Mar. 12: Paul Nardizzi and Robbie Printz
Mar. 14: Frank Santos
Mar. 15: Bobby Collins

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Museum of Fine Arts

465 Huntington Ave., Boston. (267-9300), Mon.-Tues., 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Wed., 10 a.m.-9:45 p.m.; Thurs.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m. West Wing open Thurs.-Fri. until 9:45 p.m. Admission free with MIT ID, otherwise \$10, \$8 for students and seniors, children under 17 free; \$2 after 5 p.m. Thurs.-Fri., free Wed. after 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.: introductory walks through all collections begin at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; "Asian, Egyptian, and Classical Walks" begin at 11:30 a.m.; "American Painting and Decorative Arts Walks" begin at 12:30 p.m.; "European Painting and Decorative Arts Walks" begin at 2:30 p.m.; Introductory tours are also offered Sat. at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Permanent Gallery Installations: "Late Gothic Gallery," featuring a restored 15th-century stained glass window from Hampton Court, 14th- and 15th-century stone, alabaster, and polychrome wood sculptures from France and the Netherlands; "Mummy Mask Gallery," a newly renovated Egyptian gallery, features primitive masks dating from as far back as 2500 B.C.; "European Decorative Arts from 1950 to the Present"; "John Singer Sargent: Studies for MFA and Boston Public Library Murals." Gallery lectures are free with museum admission. For listings, check <<http://www.mfa.org/film/>>

Museum of Science

Science Park, Boston. (723-2500), Daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission free with MIT ID, otherwise \$9, \$7 for children 3-14 and seniors. The Museum features the theater of electricity (with indoor thunder-and-lightning shows daily) and more than 600 hands-on exhibits. Ongoing: "Discovery Center"; "Investigate! A See-For-Yourself Exhibit"; "Science in the Park: Playing with Forces and Motion"; "Seeing Is Deceiving." Ongoing: "Friday Night Stargazing." Fri., 8:30 p.m.; "Welcome to the Universe," daily; "Quest for Contact: Are We Alone?" daily. Admission to Omni, laser, and planetarium shows is \$7.50, \$5.50 for children and seniors. Current Laser Light shows: *Laser Beastie Boys*, *Laser Ragefest 3*, *Laser Pink Floyd: Dark Side*, *Laser Aerosmith*.

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Monster's Ball is a hard-hitting Southern drama tempered by a story of powerful, life-changing love. Billy Bob Thornton stars as Hank, an embittered prison guard working on Death Row, who begins an unlikely but emotionally-charged affair with Leticia (Halle Berry), the wife of a man he has just executed. Filmed entirely on location in and around New Orleans and at the notorious Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola (also known as "The Farm").

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Set in a tranquil town on the coast of Maine, *In The Bedroom* tells the story of a couple whose only child is involved in a love affair with a single mother. When the relationship comes to a sudden and tragic end, each person must face the intensely difficult decision of how to respond.

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Community Building A Goal of Meal Plan

Simmons, from Page 1

D. Berlin III, Gilja said.

Multiple proposals considered

While the possibility of a campus-wide mandatory meal plan has been essentially eliminated, "the Dean for Student Life sees [Simmons] as a new project: we can put in new ideas, we can start over again," Gilja said. "But we don't want things to go overboard. We don't want there to be a massive overhead for students moving into Simmons." Still, Gilja said, it is important that the dining hall not lose money.

"We're trying to balance both ends."

In terms of a specific meal plan, Gilja said several options were currently being considered.

The original proposal, he said, was to have five mandatory dinner meals each week, "based on an up-front price to students, which would guarantee that the dining hall [would break] even."

"But we don't necessarily have to go that far, if the vendor is willing to assume more risk," he said.

"We don't see this as necessarily a very bad thing," Gilja said. There is the "potential that if everybody used the dining hall, it could help build community." There is also the issue of quality: "if we have more mandatory meals, potentially we could have better quality food," Gilja said.

However, while Simmons is expected to open in time for the beginning of the fall term, the dining hall is not. Campus Activities Complex Director Phillip J. Walsh

said Simmons residents would be served by Next House dining until November.

Next House president Vikram Maheshri '03 said one possibility was for dining services to prepare food at Next House and "truck it over" to Simmons.

Next House could get late night cafe

Next House residents seeking a late-night snack may soon have an additional option.

In April, \$3 million renovations of Next House dining will begin, Walsh said. The renovations are scheduled to be completed before the fall term begins.

Next House dining is "mainly a convenient place to have dinner ... But I think the renovations will change that," said Adam S. Champy '04, a Next House resident involved with planning the renovations. "People are going to want to be here."

The newly renovated dining area will feature a private dining room for presentations and seminars, and a cafe in the entry to the dining area, Champy said.

He added that the cafe might be kept open late at night.

Next House dining is "currently open until 8 [p.m.], but stuff starts to shut down a little earlier than that," Champy said.

"The dining hall was built in 1981, and the usual tear and wear over 21 years" warrants these renovations, said housemaster Borivoje Mikic.

He said that after renovations are complete, the dining hall "will attract not only our students but [also] students from other dorms."



Robert B. Lemelson, son of the Lemelson Awards Program founder, presents a check for \$30,000 to Andrew M. Heafitz G, winner of this year's Lemelson-MIT Student Prize for Invention and Innovation. Heafitz's inventions range from aerial photography systems to a small, low-cost rocket engine.

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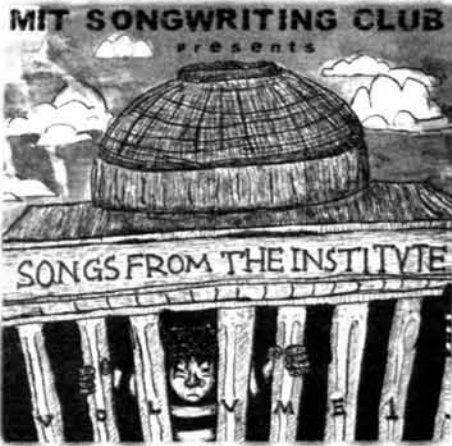
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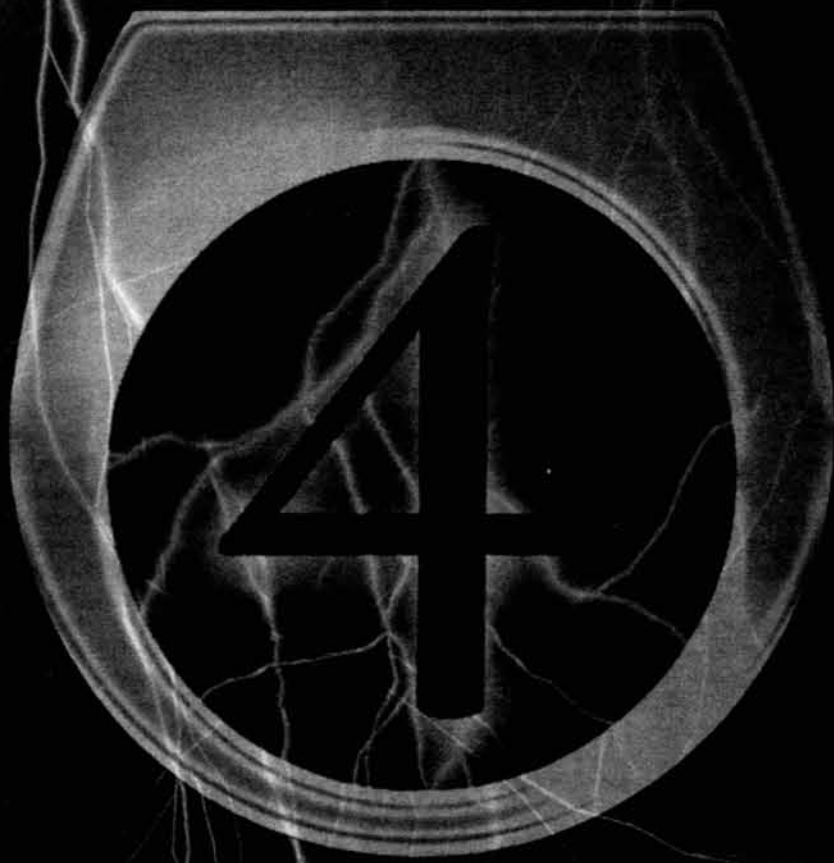
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Online Voting Starts Monday for UA Races

UA Elections, from Page 1

solve housing problems.

"I think that our crowding problem could be solved with more funding to our fraternities," Seale said.

Yoon vowed to "give the IFC more support in trying to recruit new pledges."

The hotly contested issue of crowding also brought up the problem of graduate housing and MIT's plans to use some graduate beds to address an expected severe undergraduate housing shortage this fall.

Seale acknowledged that though graduate students recognize housing undergraduates is a priority, he believes "graduate students are definitely a very close second priority."

Yoon agreed with the importance of undergraduate housing.

"I think the primary objective is that all undergraduates are housed. I know that that puts a strain on graduate students," Yoon said.

Activities fee a key issue

The teams of candidates expressed divergent views on the use of the new \$200 fee incorporated into the tuition increase, part of which will cover operating costs for the new Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center.

Yoon, who is on the committee discussing the allocation of the fee, said "the student activity fee is actually a misnomer." Yoon said the expenditure is just a part of the new

tuition increase.

Vigil said she hoped to "increase funding for social events" with the monies available from the fee.

Seale argued that "as students we should not be paying for administration [of the Zesiger Center]."

"We're taking money from the students, supposedly for the students — it should be allocated by the students," Seale said.

Tickets highlight other priorities

Yoon and Vigil said that student/faculty relations would be another priority of their administration.

"We need to improve faculty advising and student faculty relationships in general," Vigil said.

Additionally, Yoon and Vigil emphasized the variety of academic opportunities at MIT, with Vigil saying it is the responsibility of the UA "to make sure the undergraduates take advantage of those opportunities."

Seale and Deora stressed their plan to improve confidential medical transport and their hopes to reform the current alcohol policy.

"MIT does not have an alcohol problem," Seale said. "MIT has an image problem."

Deora added she "would want to become more involved in student issues," if elected as vice-president.

Voting starts Monday at midnight

Electronic balloting for UA President and Vice-President, as well as class council positions, will take place Monday through Thursday. Undergraduates who do not vote electronically may cast a paper ballot one week from today.



Class of 2005 presidential candidates (L to R) Insoo Kim, Daniel F. Kanamori, Inhan Kang, Elizabeth C. Laws, and Harel M. Williams discuss their platforms during a debate in the Student Center last night.

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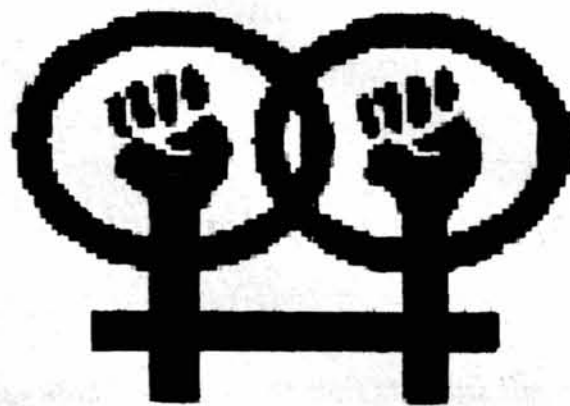
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Petitions, from Page 1

However, others disagree. "I believe Wolfensohn's presence will initiate discussion on campus," said Jimmy Wu '02, initiator of a "counter-petition" petition. "It has already initiated discussion."

Hundreds sign petition

Soon after Wolfensohn was announced as commencement speaker, a petition was circulated via e-mail. Currently, a written version of the petition has been posted throughout campus, including in undergraduate dormitories. "We haven't counted the signatures yet, but it has definitely exceeded 200," Basu said.

However, the administration's potential response to the petition remains uncertain. Basu claimed that whether the administration responds to the petition or not, his mission will be complete. "The petition is a formality. It is our way of telling the administration that we object to their procedure," Basu said. "They did not select a speaker from the lists proposed by either the Undergraduate Association or the Graduate Student Council."

Administration backs decision

President Charles M. Vest said that in light of the world's current situation, it is a good time for a speaker from an organization that addresses issues of poverty, inclusion, education, and development.

"It would be nice if every student would be really happy with the selection, but that is never the case. I believe our community will treat its visitors with dignity and respect," Vest said.

Basu said that the administration is unaware of the response Wolfensohn's presence will generate. "I don't think they know that many groups, not just MIT students, will be protesting."

Due to the high profile of MIT, Basu said he expects organizations such as those who protested against the World Trade Organization in Seattle to protest during Commencement.

Others support Wolfensohn

Some students, however, feel very differently. "I do not believe that Sanjay's petition exhibits the opinions of the majority of students on campus," Wu said.

Wu's petition began circulating at approximately the same time as the other petition. There are approximately 30 signatures on the petition currently, Wu said.

"I felt that MIT students needed an alternative choice," Wu said. He said that Wolfensohn's presence will "open up discussion about both good and bad aspects of the World Bank."

"If we succeed in disinviting Wolfensohn it will demonstrate that MIT students no longer care about World Bank. That would be a very bad thing," Wu said.



AARON D. MIHALIK—THE TECH

People walking through Lobby 10 take notice of a pile of shoes collected by United Trauma Relief. This week the group also passed out green ribbons and collected donations to help support clearing a land mine field in Afghanistan.

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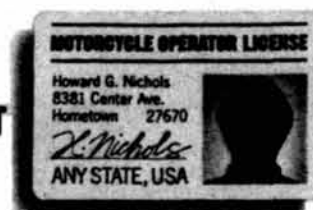
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Stratton Survey Unveiled

By Jennifer Krishnan
NEWS EDITOR

Dining and computing are the two most popular services in the Stratton Student Center, a recent survey by the Campus Activities Complex showed.

The web survey was administered to help create the strategic plan released by the CAC last week.

"This document looks at each facility and what should be the mission of the facility," said CAC Director Phillip J. Walsh.

The strategic plan defines goals and visions for the undergraduate-focused Stratton Student Center, and Walker Memorial, which "has more of a graduate emphasis," Walsh said.

In particular, the plan calls for a reorganization in the use of space in the Student Center, particularly on the first floor.

Walsh said that retail would remain a significant component of the building, but "maybe not the level we have today. It was important 15 years ago," but the environment around the campus has changed, with more retail services nearby.

Seventy-four percent of respondents said they went to the Student Center to eat, and 60 percent said they frequent the Athena cluster on the fifth floor. But fewer than eight percent of respondents used the other non-food retail services in the Student Center, except for the automatic teller machines, post office and CopyTech.

On the other hand, "students are looking for more recreation space," Walsh said. Currently, the Student Center houses an arcade in the basement and a pool table in the Coffeehouse, but Walsh said he hoped more recreational opportunities would be added.

Lounge space figured heavily in the survey results, with many respondents citing lounges as one of the "best features" of the Student Center, and a lack of lounge space as one of the "worst features."

Walsh said another important concern was the appearance of the building.

"The Student Center is a place people tend to pass through," he said. "The first floor is not especially welcoming."

Student Center Survey Results

What Students Think About the Stratton Student Center, According to a New CAC Survey

The following data is based on a web survey conducted by the Campus Activities Complex during May and June 2001. There were 535 respondents, 42 percent of whom were graduate students.

Time spent (per day) in the Student Center when classes are in session	58% up to one hour 35% one to two hours
Time spent (per day) in the Student Center when classes are not in session	44% up to 30 minutes 15% 30 minutes to one hour 16% one to four hours
Most commonly used food service	LaVerde's Market
Most commonly used retail services	ATM Cash Machine Post Office
Less commonly used retail services	CopyTech - 10% All others - 8% or less
Usage of community space	60% Athena cluster 40% lobby lounge areas 30% Transitions Lounge 20% Stratton Lounge
Most common services students go off-campus for	Dining Fast food Grocery shopping
Reasons students go to the Student Center	75% to eat 41% to meet with friends

Students' impressions of the building

35% the building is bland
25% the building is a place to hang out
15% the building is welcoming

Best features of the Student Center (most common responses)

Athena cluster
ATM
Coffeehouse
Convenient location
CopyTech
LaVerde's
Lounges
Toscanini's

Worst features of the Student Center (most common responses)

General food services
General design of space
Lighting
Hang out space (lack of)
Décor (general)
Lack of activity
Level of comfort
Basement services

Additional services students would like to see in the Student Center (most common responses)

24-hour food services
Additional banking services
Expanded card acceptance
Expanded lounges
Fast food options
First floor restrooms
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More study spaces
Working information desk

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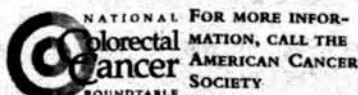
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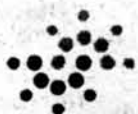
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SPORTS

MIT Gymnasts Hit Season High

By Damian Engen
TEAM MEMBER

This past Sunday, the men's gymnastics team had a strong meet to earn their best team score of the year, but the team still lost to Springfield College and UMass.

MIT's score of 160.65 was the team's best all season, despite competing without freshman star Oliver Delacruz '05 and David L. Hu G. UMass won the meet with a score of 210.60, topping Springfield's 201.85.

All four MIT competitors ended up in the top eight all-around at the meet, the first time this has ever happened when competing against Division I and II teams. David Yin '03 managed to break the 31 point ceiling which had been holding him down. Captain Damian M. Engen '03 scored 48.85, the second highest all-around score by an MIT gymnast ever.

MIT competes with thin lineup

In men's gymnastics, the top four scores per event count toward the

total team score. Since there were only four gymnasts for MIT, every score was going to count and there was no room for error. Fortunately for the Engineers, Yin started the team off on rings with a near-perfect routine. Reuben M. Sterling '03 and Patrick R. Griffin '04 followed with equally solid performances. Engen rounded out rings by landing his newly acquired full-twisting double-back dismount.

On the floor exercises, Yin managed to land his full-twisting front pike and cleaned up his transitions to earn a respectable 6.3. Griffin competed one of the highest double-backs at the meet but landed short.

Sterling leads on pommel horse

Pommel horse was probably the most phenomenal event of the day for the Engineers, with Sterling setting the tone. He managed to compete circles into flairs, back into circles, and then directly into a stockli dismount without even breaking a sweat. Griffin followed with another hit routine which included a buck-eye and a full-twisting scissor.

Running off of the momentum created by the team, Engen hit his double walk-around, the most difficult move of his routine. Griffin and Engen scored 7.95 and 8.1, respectively, putting them in eighth and fifth, respectively, on MIT's top ten.

Engineers finish meet strong

The team, inspired by their incredible performance on pommel horse, managed to land four great vaults, including a stuck front-hand-spring by Sterling and a piked tsukahara by Griffin.

The highlights on high bar were, without a doubt, Yin's giants and Griffin's gienger. It was Yin's first time competing giants — a skill that every Olympian includes in his high bar routine — and this helped him score a 4.55 even with an intentional fall. Griffin caught his gienger, a back flip with a half twist, with ease despite not having competed it in over two years.

Parallel bars was the last event, and although tired, the team managed to throw great routines. To the astonishment of the judges, Engen finished off the meet with a skillfully executed double-pike dismount.

While the Engineers ended the meet many points behind their Division I and II competitors, they left the with high hopes for the rest of the season. Since the beginning of the season, the team score has risen from 125 to 160.

Women's Gymnastics Sets New MIT Record

All-Time High Topped in Loss to Springfield

By Eduardo Ovalle
TEAM COACH

The women's gymnastics team lost to Springfield College last Sunday 178.525-183.775, but the team also lost Caitlin P. Dwyer-McNally '03 to a season-ending injury. Still, the score was good enough to beat the school record set the week before.

Despite both losses, there were some quality performances from MIT gymnasts. Whitney E. Watson '05 posted a season-high 35.625 and would have broken 36 if she had stayed on beam. The team welcomed Cindy Chung '04 back to the vault line-up, and she threw a piked-front handspring-front. Senior tri-captain Cecile E. LeCocq was also back on her feet again with a good hand-spring-full for an 8.7. On bars, Carrie Garceau '03 finally got through a bar routine to garner an 8.75.

LeCocq leads team on floor

LeCocq changed her floor routine around to include a "C" level tumbling skill in her last pass and scored a season high 9.25. Overall, however, the Lady Engineers struggled a bit as a team with their dance

combinations on floor.

Tanya I. Burka '03 had the option to not perform her exhibition routine immediately after the team lost Dwyer-McNally to injury, but she did not want for floor to end on a sour note for the rest of the team, and performed her exhibition.

The Engineers then finished the meet on beam, but the team had lost some focus after Dwyer-McNally's injury. Everyone fell off the beam except for Merritt S. Tam '03, who was the only one that got through unscathed with a beautiful 9.55 routine.

Tam hopes to qualify for nationals

MIT's record fell to 4-4 against Division III opponents and 4-13 overall. The team heads to Collegeville, Penn. to face Ursinus College for the ECAC championships this Saturday. The ECAC is the main qualifying meet to the National Championships.

As a team, MIT does not have a chance unless the top teams falter badly, but Tam has an excellent opportunity to qualify as she is currently ranked as the fifth all-arounder in the country. She is also ranked third on beam and sixth overall on bars.

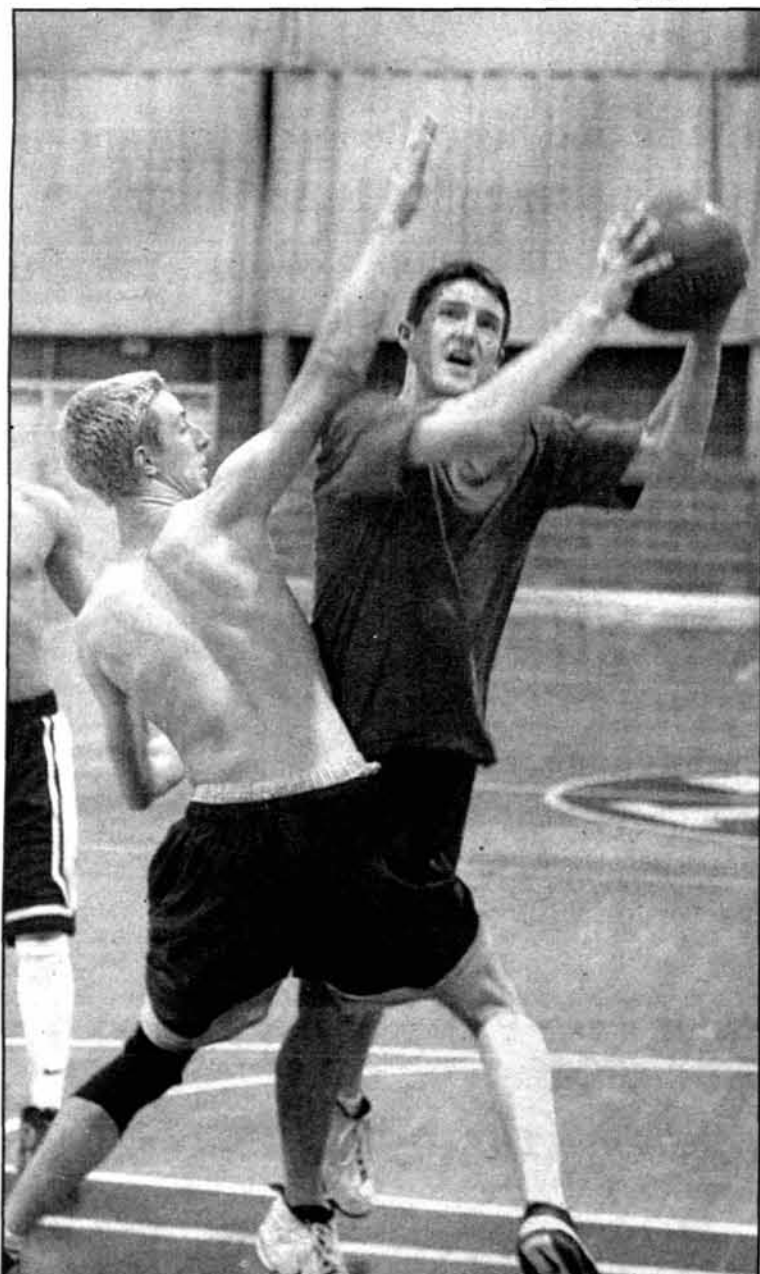
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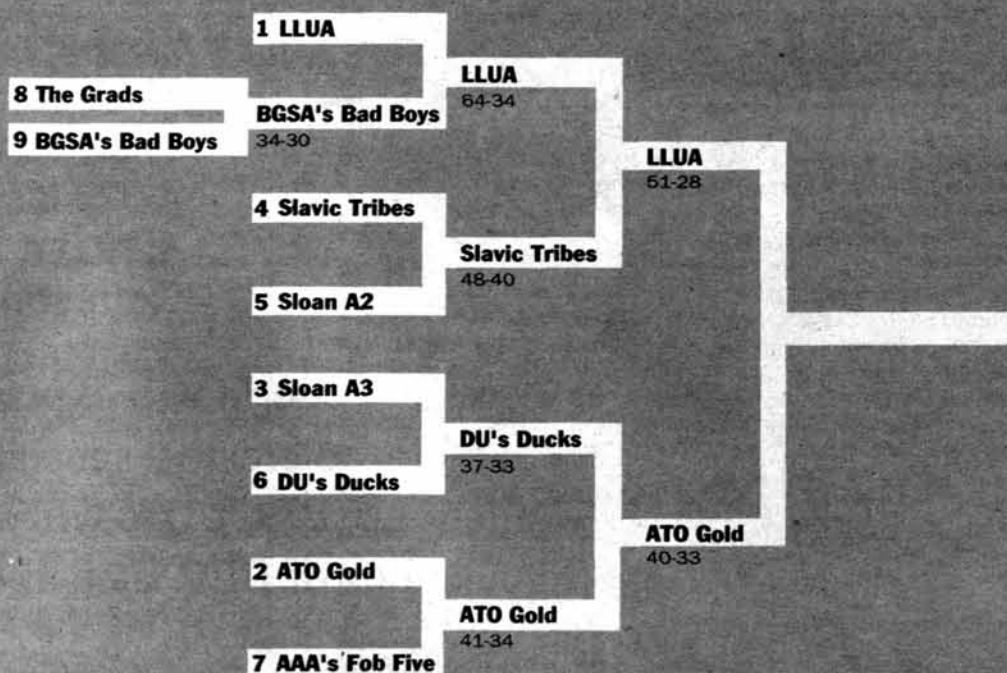
Men's Volleyball vs. Queens College and Vassar College, 12:00 p.m.

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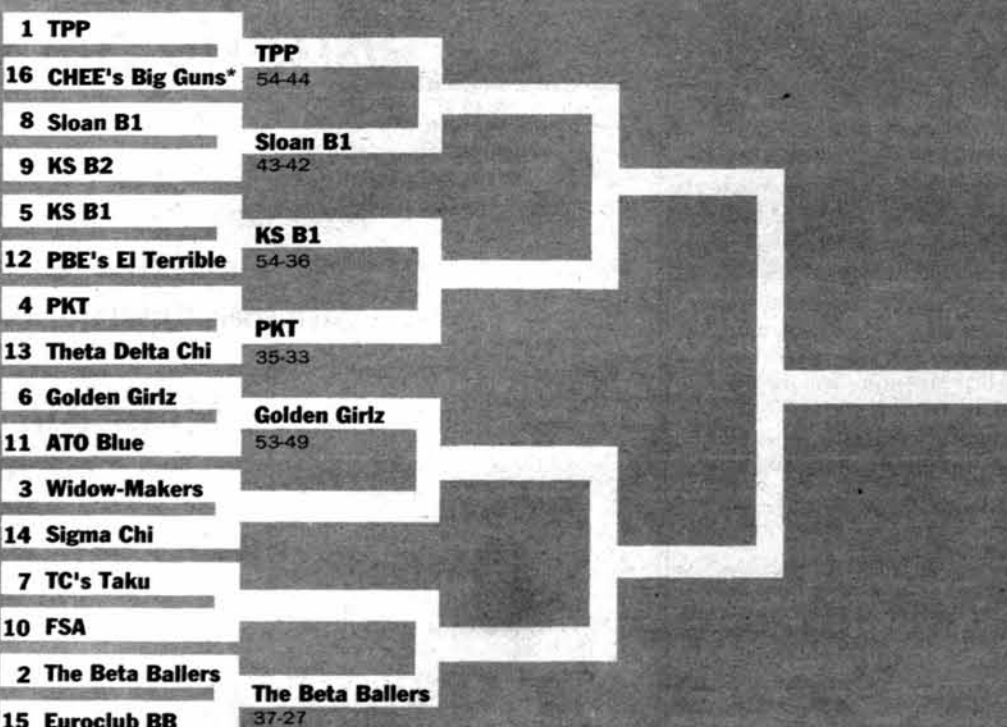


Joshua J. Grant '02, playing for Delta Upsilon, shoots around an Alpha Tau Omega Gold player during an "A" league semifinal basketball match Wednesday night. ATO Gold defeated DU, 40-33.

A League Bracket



B League Bracket



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